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## AMENDMENT "B"

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated October 27, 2004 (Paper No.

20041025). The three month period for responding to the Office action expires on January 27, 2005.

Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date indicated below.

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